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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—(After a pause) “I am not able to trace the reference; I think I have made myself clear. With reference to the question put by my hon. Friend Mr. Raghuchandra Ballal, a series of rules was published and it is with reference to those rules I ask whether they do not restrict the privilege given to take green leaves for manure.”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—

“Regular forest panchayats do not exist in South Kanara. If my hon. Friend wants any more information, I shall be glad to give him if he comes to my room.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—“They were published in the proceedings. I refer to those rules and not to other rules.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—“I think the controversy might be settled out of the Council.”

Government Press.

Disbandment of compositors in the Government Press.

* 2418 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of a number of compositors in Settlement section of Government Press were dispensed with;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of them were on permanent staff; and

(c) whether it is a fact that many of them have put in long service?

A.—(a) Yes. As a consequence of the transfer of the printing of settlement registers from the Government Press to private presses the temporary establishment engaged on this work in the Government Press has been disbanded.

(b) No.

(c) The men whose services have been dispensed with have put in service ranging from eleven years downwards.

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—“Sir, with reference to the answer to clause (c), may I ask whether it is not a hardship to dispense with the services of people who have put in eleven years' service?”

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—“It is a matter of opinion.”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
“I suppose it is a matter of opinion as you have said.”

Local Boards.

Alleged disabilities of Mr. A. Muthusaveri of the Kurumballur Union Board.

* 2419 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Adi-Dravida Union Board member by name Mr. A. Muthusaveri of the Kurumballur Union Board, Perambalur taluk, Trichinopoly district, has been asked to stand outside the Union Board Office during the time of the meeting instead of allowing him to sit along with other members for fear of pollution by the present President or Chairman of the Union Board;

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(b) whether the written statement of the Adi-Dravida member has already been received by the Local Self-Government Department with my letter of the 15th July; and

(c) what steps have been taken in the matter and with what results?

A.—(a) & (c) A report has been called for from the President, District Board, Trichinopoly.

(b) Yes.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"Sir, the report referred to in clause (a) was communicated to me by the Secretary to the Local Self-Government Department. It is stated there that the Adi-Dravida Member came there 15 minutes late and took his seat outside. May I ask whether it is not the duty of the President to ask the Member, even though he came late to ask him to sit along with the other Members so that he could also take part in the debate?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"If the Member himself was anxious to sit outside, I do not think the President can compel him to sit inside."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know whether Government made any enquiries as to whether the Member himself voluntarily took his seat outside, or whether he was threatened that he would be the cause of pollution and therefore was obliged to take his seat outside? May I ask whether the report of the President is true or whether the report of the Adi-Dravida Member which I already submitted is true?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"Government have to accept the report of the President as submitted by him."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know whether they are not going to accept the report of the Adi-Dravida Member; are they going to take that statement as untrue?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"That does not follow."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"If the statement of an individual member is contradicted in the report of the President of the Board and the latter is approved as correct, it follows that the statement of the Member is incorrect."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"Was any circular issued to the effect that no distinction should be made between member and member and no one should be forced to sit outside?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"The issue of a circular does not appear to be necessary. In every case, members are expected to take their seats in the meeting hall."

Industries.

Enquiry into the condition of industries like tile-making and weaving.

* 2420 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to the answer given to my question No. 2237 on 17th July 1926, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state what steps Government are taking for enquiring into the condition of the old industries like tile-making and weaving and for aiding the same by way of relief?

A.—The matter is still under consideration.